(b) if so, the details of the action plan to achieve the target;

(c) the amount of power produced by the existing reactors; and

(d) the power target by 2020 through these reactors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) With 14 reactors (2770 MWe) in operation and 9 reactors (4460 MWe) under construction, an excellent safety record of 239 reactor years, project gestation period of 5 years and a comprehensive capability in the front end and back end of the fuel cycle, India is already one of the few countries having a significant nuclear power programme. As regards small and medium size reactors, India has an edge since in having small reactors in operation in large numbers. Further capacity addition will reinforce the country's position in this regard.

(b) The present installed nuclear power capacity of 2770 MWe is expected to reach 7280 MWe by March 2011 with the progressive completion of projects under construction. More projects are also planned so as to reach the projected nuclear power capacity of 20000 MWe by the year 2020.

(c) During the year 2004-05 the total electricity generation from nuclear power reactors in the country was 17010 Million Units (MUs).

(d) The generation target for the X Plan is 82495 MUs. of which 60160 MUs has already been achieved by July 2005. No generation targets have been fixed for the period beyond the X Plan.

Short term coal linkage to power sector

*273. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that short term coal linkages to nearly 90 power sector units for the second quarter of 2005-06 has been approved;

(b) if so, whether allocation is 4.26 million tonne more than what was approved for the corresponding period of 2004-05.

(c) whether a special group of his Ministry has been asked to continuously monitor performance of various power utilities and make additional allocations whatever required for power; and

(d) if so, to what extent these power projects have received coal to meet the shortages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. Short-term linkages have been approved for 72 operative power plants out of total 75 for second quarter of 2005-06. No allocation has been made for Nellore, Muzaffarpur and Bongaigaon TPSs for their long outages.

(b) Allocation for the second quarter of current year is 4.03 Million Tonnes more than the allocation made for the second quarter of 2004-05.

(c) Yes, Sir. An inter-ministerial sub-group comprising of representatives of Railways, Central Electricity Authority and Ministries of Power and Coal under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary, Ministry of Coal has been formed to monitor coal movement to power stations on regular basis. The committee monitors the coal stocks of various power stations, constraints in movement logistics and other factors that come in the way of having comfortable coal stocks by all power stations and take decisions to improve the situation. .

(d) In the current quarter, during the month of July'05 despatch to power sector from CIL sources has been 19.89 MT Close monitoring of coal movement by the inter-ministerial group could ensure that the number of power stations having coal stocks for less than seven days' consumption is reduced from a level of 17 as on 30.6.05 to 13 as on 3.8.05. Similarly the number of power stations having super critical coal stock of less than four days' consumption is reduced from 7 to 4 between 30.6.05 and 1.8.05

ESI hospitals

*274. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of super speciality hospitals administered/directly run by ESIC, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to open more such super speciality hospitals in near future;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of State Government run hospitals of ESIC, State-wise;